

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

FRIDAY, 12TH FEBRUARY, 1904.

E. A. SMITH, I.S.O., President, in the Chair.

Mr. F. G. Bridgman and Mr. Alexander Reynell were appointed scrutineers.

The following report was read:—

“Your Council, in presenting their eleventh Annual Report, are again able to record another year of satisfactory progress.

During the past twelve months seven new members have been elected. On the other hand, the Society has lost ten members: one, Dr. O. F. von Moellendorff, by death, eight by resignation, and one under the provisions of Rule X.

The membership of the Society on December 31st, 1903, stood as follows:—

Ordinary members	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	88
Corresponding members	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	77
Total						165

On the same date in 1902 the total membership was 168, and in 1901, 171.

Your Council have, with much regret, to report a serious loss to the Society in the retirement of Mr. B. B. Woodward from the editorship, a post which he has held, with marked ability and to the great advantage of the Society, since its foundation.

The finances of the Society are in a flourishing condition. After payment of all liabilities, there is a balance of £35 2s. in the Treasurer's hands, whilst the sum of £50 still remains invested in Metropolitan 2½ per cent. Stock.

Since the last Annual General Meeting three more numbers of the ‘Proceedings’ have been issued, completing Vol. V, comprising pages 257 to 416, title-page, contents, and index, with nine plates and numerous illustrations in the text.

Your thanks are due to the following gentlemen, who have borne a portion of the cost of illustration, or have assisted by furnishing drawings:—Dr. W. T. Blanford, C.I.E., R. H. Burne, G. C. Crick, Sir C. N. E. Eliot, K.C.M.G., Lieut.-Col. H. H. Godwin-Austen, G. K. Gude, J. Cosmo Melvill, R. Murdoch, R. B. Newton, H. B. Preston, E. A. Smith, I.S.O., Messrs. Sowerby & Fulton, E. R. Sykes, and J. H. Van Stone.

Further, your thanks are specially due to the Council of the Linnean Society, through whose kindness the Society has been permitted, as in previous years, to hold its meetings in Burlington House."

On the motion of Mr. S. I. Da Costa, seconded by Mr. F. G. Bridgman, the above was adopted as the Annual Report of the Society.

The following were elected as Officers and Council for the year 1904 :

President.—E. R. Sykes, B.A., F.L.S.

Vice-Presidents.—W. T. Blanford, C.I.E., LL.D., F.R.S. ; Professor W. A. Herdman, F.R.S. ; B. B. Woodward, F.L.S. ; H. Woodward, LL.D., F.R.S.

Treasurer.—J. H. Ponsonby, F.Z.S.

Secretary.—R. H. Burne, B.A., F.Z.S.

Editor.—E. A. Smith, I.S.O.

Other Members of the Council.—Lieut.-Col. H. H. Godwin-Austen, F.R.S. ; Professor G. B. Howes, LL.D., F.R.S. ; J. Cosmo Melvill, M.A., F.L.S. ; R. Bullen Newton, F.G.S. ; Rev. Canon Merle Norman, D.C.L., F.R.S. ; W. G. Ridewood, D.Sc., F.L.S.

On the motion of Dr. W. T. Blanford, seconded by Mr. Bullen Newton, a vote of thanks was passed to the Retiring Officers and Members of Council, and to the Auditors and Scrutineers, the retiring President and Editor being specially thanked for their valuable services.

OBITUARY NOTICE.

It is with much regret that we have to record the death, on August 17th last year, of Dr. OTTO FRANZ VON MOELLENDORFF, who had been a member of this Society since the year 1894. He was born at Hoyerswerda, in Eastern Prussia, in the year 1848.

Moellendorff was a great conchologist, although his studies were practically limited to land and fresh-water mollusca, and during his residence abroad, in the Consular service, he had great opportunities of amassing a magnificent collection, partly through his own collecting, and also by exchanges with numerous other collectors. He first of all investigated the fauna of Bosnia, and published in 1873 the "Beiträge zur Fauna Bosniens," forty-three of the seventy-two pages of which the work consists being devoted to an account of the Mollusca.

In 1873 he obtained an appointment in China, where he remained for about seven years, and was subsequently transferred to a position in the Philippine Islands, which he retained for a long period. It was during his residence in this part of the world that many of his important papers were written.

In 1896, through ill-health, he was compelled to return to Europe, and first of all resided at Kovno, in Western Russia, and subsequently, in 1901, he removed to Frankfort. He was not destined long to